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SUBJECT: PERMANENT SECRETARIAT OF ARAB PEOPLE'S CONGRESS

ENDS SESSIONS

1. THE PERMANENT SECRETARIAT OF THE ARAB PEOPLE'S CONGRESS  
MET IN TRIPOLI APRIL 25-29. ARAB AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS  
WERE FOCUS OF DISCUSSIONS, AND IN ITS FINAL SESSION, THE  
GROUP CALLED FOR "IMMEDIATE" AND "EFFECTIVE" ASSISTANCE FOR  
THE PALESTINIAN "REVOLUTION" AND FOR THE LEBANESE NATIONAL  
MOVEMENT AND REJECTED THE LEBANESE PARLIAMENT'S RECENT CALL  
FOR A RESTRICTED ARMED PALESTINIAN PRESENCE IN LEBANON. FRENCH  
"INTERVENTION" IN CHAD WAS CONDEMNED, AND THE SECRETARIAT  
RESOLVED TO HOLD AN ARAB FORUM TO DISCUSS THE WAYS AND MEANS  
NECESSARY FOR REALIZING "BASIC FREEDOMS FOR THE ARAB MASSES."  
THE SECRETARIAT'S STRONGEST STATEMENTS WERE DIRECTED AT EGYPT  
AND PRESIDENT SADAT. CALLING FOR TIGHTENING THE ENCIRCLEMENT  
OF "THE EGYPTIAN PRESIDENT AND FOR HIS COMPLETE ISOLATION,"  
THE SECRETARIAT "COMMENDED" THE STRUGGLE OF "THE  
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EGYPTIAN PATRIOTIC MOVEMENT" WHICH IS APPEALING FOR  
ASSISTANCE "TO OVERTHROW THE REGIME OF RETROGRESSION AND  
SURRENDER IN EGYPT." EARLIER MEDIA REPORTING OF THE  
SECRETARIAT'S MEETINGS MENTIONED THAT A DATE HAD BEEN  
SET FOR A "TRIAL" OF SADAT BUT FINAL STATEMENT OF MEETING  
CONTAINED NO REFERENCE TO THIS INITIATIVE.

2. ADDITIONAL DETAILS OF THE SECRETARIAT'S MEETINGS WERE SCANTY, AND THE NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS IN THESE MEETINGS IS UNKNOWN. IN ADDITION TO UNIDENTIFIED MEMBERS OF THE PERMANENT SECRETARIAT, HOWEVER, LOCAL MEDIA REPORTED THAT REPRESENTATIVES OF VARIOUS LABOR UNIONS AND ARAB "LIBERATION" AND NATIONAL MOVEMENTS ATTENDED THE TRIPOLI MEETINGS INCLUDING HAMID ABU BAKR, CHAIRMAN OF THE INTERNATIONAL CONFEDERATION OF ARAB TRADE UNIONS; ABD AL-HUSAYN MUSLIM, IDENTIFIED AS HEAD OF THE PALESTINE AND ARMED STRUGGLE BUREAU OF THE IRAQI BA'ATH PARTY; MUHAMMAD ZAHDI NASHASHIBI, PLO SECRETARY; ALI SAYF, HEAD OF THE PDRY TRADE UNION FEDERATION; AND ABDULLAH SA'ADA REPRESENTING THE LEBANESE NATIONAL MOVEMENT.

3. COMMENT. THIS WAS APPARENTLY THE FIFTH MEETING OF THIS LIBYA-STEERED GROUP WHICH IS AN AMORPHOUS PROPAGANDA BODY ENCOMPASSING GENERALLY RADICAL REPRESENTATIVES OF ARAB TRADE UNIONS, MASS ORGANIZATIONS, AND ARAB "LIBERATION" MOVEMENTS.

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